

KONA CROWN LANDS.

A TALK WITH COMMISSIONER IAUKEA.

Information Relating to Crown Lands in General and North Kona Especially.

In last night's issue of the *Bulletin* there appears a letter, signed by "Makee Aupuni," which ably sustains the reputation of that sheet for mendacity. Much as the *STAR* dislikes to notice anonymous communications, this one contains so much of deliberate lying carefully designed to deceive the public and make political capital against the Government that an exception is made and another apt pupil of Ananias and Sapphira exposed.

The letter calls attention to the advertisement by the Crown Land Commissioners of the sale of the lease of 40,000 acres of land in North Kona at the upset rent of \$350 per annum, the sale to take place at public auction, with the proviso that the bidders must keep the forest land in preservation, keep out the lantana, and make permanent improvements of the value of \$3000 within three years, which improvements must be left on the land. The anonymous scribbler of the *Bulletin* endeavors to make royalist capital out of this advertisement, and charges the Government with so restricting the sale of this land that none but its special favorites will be able to bid on it, and incidentally makes the point that the sale or lease of crown lands in such large sections is contrary to the intent of the new Crown Lands bill.

To ascertain the facts in this matter and set them before the public in their true light a reporter called on Col. C. P. Iaukea, a member and acting agent of the Board of Crown Lands Commissioners this morning. After referring to the letter above mentioned and inquiring for the facts connected with the proposed sale that gentleman said:

"The letter is a misstatement of facts from beginning to end. While it is true that 40,000 acres is advertised for sale, it is also true that out of this amount only about 1,000 acres could be termed arable land, another 1,000 is suitable for grazing only and the balance is utterly worthless for any purpose whatever, being simply the lava overflow from the crater of Maunaloa. I have been over the property and know where I speak. The arable land is scattered about in small patches and consists solely of small spots which were not covered by the lava. The land has been held by Frank Spencer for thirty years past on lease at \$150 per annum rental. It is in exactly the same condition to-day as it was when he first took it, no improvements having been made. For a good description of this land I cannot do better than refer you to the following official report of the Special Commissioner appointed by the Legislature of 1887 to examine and report on the adaptability and area of Crown Lands to homestead purposes."

"This land is the most northern part of Kona, running up to Hualalai. It has about six miles of sea coast and the best landing is at Kiholo. The Government road from Kailua to Kawaihae passes through it. The only real good cultivatable land on it is a few acres near the Puuwaawaa cone. Here fruits grow well, as well as potatoes and taro. The only hamlets are at Kiholo and Puuwaawaa; but very few inhabitants are at either. The most part of the land is extremely rocky and would offer but scant pasture to any herd. Above, in the woods, perhaps one-sixth of the land, on which there is a scanty growth, cattle might browse. The principal wood is koa and ohia, and also a little sandal wood. Dependent on rain for water supply. Value of the whole upland is at twenty-five cents per acre. The fishery is good. But little encouragement for settlers. About 40,000 acres."

Continuing, the Commissioner said: "Spencer kept some cattle on the tract and did some fencing near the sea shore, but it was destroyed in the overflow of 1859. The good land lies directly in the line of any future overflow, and is some six or seven miles up in the mountains. This land has been advertised for lease at the special request of three persons, who each offer to bid on it not less than \$350 per year, to perform the conditions specified in the advertisements, and also erect the \$3000 worth of improvements. I want you distinctly to understand that although the lease of Frank Spencer had expired the Commissioners had taken no action in regard to this particular land until the receipt of these three offers. A special meeting of the Board was then called to consider the applications and in response thereto the lease of the land such as it is was ordered to be sold at public auction, and even this action was only authorized when the Board had thoroughly satisfied itself that the land was totally unsuited for homestead purposes. This being ascertained, the Board determined to meet the wishes of those who are not only willing but anxious to pay \$350 or more per year into the Government treasury. With regard to the restrictions on the sale, this has been rendered necessary to protect bona fide bidders from specious speculators who attend these sales and run the price up so that those who really want the land are unable to obtain it at living prices. These speculators seldom come to time, and the land has to be resold over again, at a loss to the Government in rent and additional expense. I believe it to be the present

policy of the Government, in relation to crown lands (I speak for myself alone), to lease none that are suitable for homestead purposes. Such as are unsuited for that purpose will be leased as occasion offers, but only to good and reliable tenants who are prepared to make extensive and permanent improvements on the land, thereby greatly enhancing its value, and who could also be relied upon to faithfully carry out the conditions requisite, especially in the preservation of forests, which has now become a serious matter.

"In this Kona property no restrictions have been placed on the sale of the lease that the three intending bidders have not themselves offered to comply with."

As far as the other allusions to the Commissioners and the Government are concerned they are not worth noticing, especially considering their anonymous source. The statement in the final paragraph that it is bad enough to have one man already in possession or in control of one third of the alienated lands of the kingdom (it should be country) can best be explained by the *Bulletin*, as that condition of affairs is the outcome of many years of Royalist regime.

POLICE COURT MATTERS.

Judge Foster Has a Long Session This Morning.

The first cases called in the District Court to-day were those of Chong Mun and three others charged with robbery, which were remanded till to-morrow.

The case against J. M. Vivas, for assault and battery, was dismissed.

E. Ryan pleaded guilty to indulging in the flowing bowl not wisely but too often, and it cost him an even three dollars.

Milimiti was found guilty of having *che fa* tickets in his possession and fined \$10.

Ah Kow and Ah Hoon, for fighting, were discharged; as was also Ah Sam for headless driving.

R. S. Scrimgeour, who had deposited \$6 for his appearance for being drunk, forgot to call for his money, so the court gathered it in.

Ah Un, charged with gambling at *che fa*, made a vigorous defense and secured his liberty, while several other cases went over to Thursday.

The Katzenjammer Case.

Several Royalist witnesses, including J. O. Carter, E. I. Spaulding, W. M. Giffard, E. C. Macfarlane and T. R. Walker were called by the plaintiff in the Spreckels-Smith libel case yesterday to testify that they recognized Mr. Spreckels under the name of Herr Rothschild von Katzenjammer. They all gave evidence of that sort, and two of them, under cross-examination, admitted that Spreckels said in their hearing that the ex-Queen ought to be and would be restored. J. J. Greene, foreman of the Press Publishing Company, was also examined. Attorneys Hartwell and Hatch made finished arguments before Judge Foster, at the conclusion of which the judge took the case under advisement.

Red Letter Day at the Tax Office.

From early morning until 6 p. m. a constant string of visitors could be seen going to and from the Government Building. Inquiry disclosed the fact that they were calling upon Assessor Shaw and Deputy Weedon, and depositing sufficient of their wealth to pay for personal tax and dog tax, which under the new law fell due in July. Over 1000 receipts were made out to the tax-payers, besides the issuing of a number of exemption receipts to the military and firemen.

Several hundred returns were also received and filed during the day, and it was past 10 p. m. before the Assessor, the deputy and their clerks left the office for their homes.

Kahuku Notes.

EDITOR *STAR*: Since I wrote you last I have learned that the leper Kalau-waha was taken up some time ago to be sent to Molokai, but escaped from the Honolulu receiving station the day previous to the time fixed for his departure by jumping the fence. His brother was waiting on the outside with a horse and rifle. Since that time he always goes armed. He was interviewed last Sunday at his house and asked if he did not think it was better to go to Molokai than to be in hiding all the time. He said he would never go there and that he would do as Koolau did first. He is very busy now fishing and could be very easily caught when on one of his fishing excursions. The natives want him to be taken up, but would not lend a hand in it.

Wedding To-night.

This evening at eight o'clock, at the residence of the bride's parents, the wedding of Miss Emma May Dillingham and Justice W. F. Frear, of the Supreme Court, will be solemnized by Rev. Dr. Beckwith. After the ceremony a reception will be held, commencing at 8:30.

Vital Statistics for June.

During the month of June the number of deaths in Honolulu was 54. Of these 29 were of males and 25 of females. Classified as to races 33 Hawaiians died, six Chinese, seven Portuguese, two Japanese, four subjects of Great Britain and two citizens of the United States. Nine were unattended. In respect of diseases influenza carried off 17, beriberi 3, consumption 5, convulsions 2, drowsy 3, fever 4 and old age 4. There was one suicide and one death from diphtheria. The Hawaiian death rate per 1000 was 36, of Asiatics 16 and of all others 22.8. In June 1889 there were 43 deaths, and in the years succeeding, 49, 62, 47 and 54 respectively.

RYAN ESCAPED EASILY.

ONE OF TRIPP'S GUARDS AND HIS NEGLECT.

The Crown Jewel Prisoner Merely Climbed Over the Fence—The Guard Held for Trial.

J. Kanui, charged with allowing a prisoner to escape from the Oahu jail, had his preliminary examination in the District Court this morning. A McGurn testified that he was deputy jailer at the prison on July 27th, and that the defendant was on guard inside of the front gate from seven to twelve of that day. It was his duty to look out for prisoners in the front yard and to let people in and out of the front gate. Ryan was a prisoner in the front yard and escaped. The deputy was not notified of it until 2:45 p. m., when a prisoner told him the circumstance. "The defendant," said McGurn, "went off duty at noon but made no report to me of the escape."

George Ryan testified: I was in custody at Oahu Jail on July 27th; went into the front yard at 6:30 a. m. and left at 11:30 while defendant was on guard at the gate. At 11:30 I took a bench and went over to the Waikiki wall. I brought out a bucket rack from the corridor. Defendant in the meantime had stepped into a sentry box to light a pipe. I put the rack up against the wall and waited until he went back into the guard-house, then I got on the rack and climbed over the wall. I think it was 11:30 because it was after dinner and about time for seven bells. It took me about a minute to get over the wall. Defendant was inside the sentry box and did not see me go over.

The defendant made no defense and Judge Foster committed him for trial at the Circuit Court.

SUPREME COURT DECISION.

Some Legal Points Settled in the Case of Kaleialii vs. Grinbaum.

A decision written by Justice Frear and signed by the full court has been rendered by the Supreme Court in the case of Mary Kaleialii vs. M. S. Grinbaum & Co. The points decided are that a judgment may be pleaded in bar to a second suit, although it was entered by the clerk without an order of the court after the expiration of the time within which it should have been entered in accordance with the statute and rules of court; that a judgment for the defendant in an action brought by one to whom a promise was alleged to have been made for the benefit of another will bar a second suit brought by the one for whose benefit the promise was alleged to have been made; a promise cannot be supported by an executed consideration, and, lastly, a promise made to A and C by way of substitution for a promise by A to B for the benefit of C would require the assent of B to make it binding. A. Rosa for plaintiffs; A. S. Hartwell for defendants.

AS HISTORY WILL HAVE IT.

The weary days drag on, the time creeps slowly by. And restoration day ne'er dawns upon the sky. And Spreckels looks in vain, and Nordhoff vainly looks. But not Provisional is chased the goose Hawahooks.

The prophets' dire of woe, who filled a recreant press Now turn to old King Claus in deep and loud distress.

"Wherefore, wherefore, O King, is the victory you pledged?" But Claus says not a word—in fact he's somewhat heeled.

They turn to Nordhoff next and say, "O scribe relate Why Mr. Dole, with steadfast soul, yet fills the chair of state?"

But Nordhoff, too, is mum—in Coronado stilled He sits and sees his prophecies completely unfulfilled.

"Alas! alas! the day," these mourners dumbly fret, "For every wagger put on us, our man has lost a bet."

"We thought we knew it all, and now we see we've failed. The Queen is still out in the cold, her holy cause has failed."

Then Nordhoff and the King, without a word to say, Conceal themselves from public view in the nearest consummity.

A New Chief Jailer.

Captain Tripp, whose removal as Chief Jailer of the Oahu Prison has long been advocated by the Annexation party on account of his Royalist tendencies, and the frequency of escapes under his administration, was relieved from duty yesterday. Until Marshal Hitchcock's return the duties of the office will be performed by Mr. James Lowe, who is so pen of us in every way qualified to properly fill the position, and whose appointment will, no doubt, be made permanent as soon as the Marshal arrives.

A Poor Electric Light.

Emma square was crowded last night with people who went to hear the band concert. The band played under difficulties, owing to the vagaries of the electric light, which nearly went out several times. As this is getting to be a regular occurrence, it might be in order for the company to see what is the matter.

Appropriations.

There was a special meeting of the Councils this morning to pass a \$50,000 appropriation bill.

NEWS IN A NUTSHELL.

Mail by the Miowera closes at 6 p. m.

An act of appropriation appears in the official column.

The *Troy Budget*, C. L. McArthur editor, is doing good work for annexation.

Ex-exile Harden proposes to fight his banishment question out in the Courts.

The Hawaiian band gave a fine concert this morning in the grounds of the Executive building.

Frederick Berg of the U. S. S. Boston was arrested this morning for overstaying his shore leave.

Makakoa, convicted of larceny by Judge Kalahi of Koolauloa, has appealed to the Circuit Court.

Superintendent Andrew Brown has an important notice in this issue to water consumers living above Judd street.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Egan, Miss Egan, W. C. Walman, U. S. N., and E. Walner are registered at the Portland Hotel.

An interesting interview on the Hawaiian situation with Dr. Henri McGrew appeared in the *San Francisco Report* of July 27th.

The large safe for the new Safe Deposit building has been shipped to San Francisco, and will probably arrive on the Australia.

In the case of Mary Kaleialii et al vs. M. S. Grinbaum a decree affirming the decree appealed from has been signed by Judge Cooper.

Ah Keong, a Chinese who was convicted of smoking opium by Judge Pahia of Koolau-poko has filed a notice of appeal to the Circuit Court.

The recent Postal and Telegraphic Conference in Australia declared that the time had come to establish a cable route via the Pacific to Vancouver.

The petition for the allowance of accounts and discharge of administrator of the estate of D. Ehu has been set for hearing on Wednesday, August 9th.

The rehearsal of the Glee Club, which was to have taken place to-night at the residence of Mrs. E. D. Tenney, has been postponed until to-morrow night.

The monthly social of the Second Congregation of St. Andrew's Cathedral will be held on Thursday evening. A fine musical entertainment will be a prominent feature.

Superintendent Brown has shut off the water from the upper part of the Executive Building in order to have more for private consumers. The basement and grounds are supplied from an artesian well.

Chief Justice Judd has signed a decree declaring that Samuel M. Damon, as trustee of the Afong property, can properly accept the sum of \$1902 and a lot of shares and securities from the administrator of the estate of Jonathan Austin, deceased, in full of all demands against the said estate.

Paul Neumann is responsible for a blood-curdling story about a narrow escape that J. E. Howard of Stockton and three friends, one of them a lady, had at the Volcano the other day. They had just left the edge of the Volcano when the crust on which they had been standing disappeared.

PERSONAL.

C. H. Bragg is booked to leave on the city of New York.

Dr. Goto returned to Molokai yesterday on the steamer Mokolu.

W. W. Hall and family leave to-day for Pearl City, where they will reside for a couple of months.

Postmaster-General Oat left yesterday for an official tour of inspection of the other postoffices of this island.

Marshal Hitchcock has gone up to the Volcano house for a stay of two or three weeks, and is not expected at the Police Station before the end of the month.

BACK FROM HAWAII.

A Walla Walla Pioneer Returns After Many Years' Absence.

Mr. E. Ward, who arrived in this city Thursday to visit his son, Ralph Ward, made the voyage from Honolulu on the steamer Warimoo of the new Canadian Pacific Australasian line of steamers. He sailed from Hawaii July 2d. Mr. Ward is one of the pioneers of the Walla Walla valley. He came here in 1859 and took up a claim at the foot of the mountains. He afterwards returned to the States, but came back to the coast in a few years. Nine years ago he went to Hawaii and has resided there ever since. He has been manager of a large ranch of 20,000 acres within a few miles of Honolulu. Mr. Ward reports that all business and industries throughout Hawaii are suspended on account of the unsettled condition of the Government. The stagnation commenced about a year and a half ago. The property owners are largely American. They have borne the principal part of the burdens of maintaining the Government. Becoming tired of the corruption and extravagance they finally resolved to throw off the yoke of the native rule. He believes that if the Islands were annexed there would be a big rush thither, and a great revival of business. Mr. Ward has been a close observer of affairs during his residence there, and is a very entertaining narrator of the many incidents he has witnessed during the recent thrilling times.—*Walla Walla Union*.

FLOTSAM AND JETSAM.

LINER MIOWERA FROM THE COLONIES.

Tuesday Fleet Outward—Claudine and Kinu to Windward—Steamer New York Due.

The Canadian Australian liner Miowera, Commander Stott, docked at Pacific Mail wharf at noon to-day, fourteen days from Sydney, via Brisbane. The commander reports very strong southeast trades to the equator, thence fresh northeast trades to arrival. The steamship brings no passengers and but little freight, and leaves at 7 o'clock this evening for Vancouver, with forty-eight passengers in transit.

The steamer Peninsular, with the London mail on board, arrived at Shanghai via the Suez Canal on the 16th of June, making the fastest time on record, 27 days 7½ hours.

The two latest cruisers of the British navy, the Powerful and Terrible, are to have engines of 30,000 horse power each and are to be capable of traveling twenty-five knots an hour.

The Oceanic was scheduled to leave San Francisco for this port at 3 p. m. to-day. The Australia will follow her to-morrow.

The Boston is coaling up and has her yards up ready for departure for target practice Thursday.

The bark Elizabeth Graham is discharging her cargo of coal on Fort street wharf.

The Yorktown is now on her way here to relieve the Boston.

The Irmgard will go to Laysan Island for a cargo of guano.

Steamer City of New York to-morrow.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1.

DIAMOND HEAD, 1:30 P. M.—Weather clear. Wind light, N. E.

ARRIVALS.

TUESDAY, August 1.

C. P. S. S. Miowera, from Sydney and Brisbane.

DEPARTURES.

TUESDAY, August 1.

Stmr Kinu, Clarke, for Maui and Hawaii.

Stmr Claudine, Davies, for Maui.

Stmr Waialeale, Smythe, for Nawiliwili, Hanalei, Kilauea and Hanalei.

Stmr Waimanalo, Dudoit, for Waianae and Waialeale.

Am schr W. H. Talbot, Blum, for San Fran.

Haw bk Mauna Ala, Smith, for San Fran.

Schr Kawaiwani for Koolau.

Schr Mahimahi for Waialeale.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES.

Stmr Iwalani, Freeman, for usual Mikahala route, Wednesday at 5 p. m.

Am bk Irmgard, Schmidt, for Laysan Island to-morrow at 10 a. m.

PASSENGERS.

DEPARTURES.

For Kapa, per stmr James Makee, July 31—Geo. Menden, Miss Hare, Miss Lily Love, Miss P. King, and 6 on deck.

For Molokai, per stmr Mokolihi, July 31—Dr. M. Goto, F. H. Hayselden, Willie Castle, Miss Hitchcock, Hugh McCortison and 15 others.

For Maui and Hawaii, per stmr Kinu, August 1—For the Volcano: Miss Sorenson, Miss Lewers, H. C. Hadley, F. B. Oat, M. G. Kelley. For way ports: E. Dowsett, E. Heleman, Mr. and Mrs. Townsend, Mrs. J. A. Kennedy and son, J. L. Dumas and wife, J. D. Tracy, U. Thompson, Mrs. Vredenberg, R. F. Lange, Frank Woods, Miss A. Hadley, Mrs. Solley, Mrs. C. E. Kemper, Rand W. Nicolls, Mrs. Lowrie and family, H. Stambaek, George Wilson, G. H. Babb, Rev. O. P. Emerson and a number on deck.

For Maui, per stmr Claudine, August 1—Judge Bickerton and family, Miss Maggie Walker, Miss M. Beckwith, Miss Mary Green, Miss A. Gurney, Mrs. Hill, Miss Hill, Mr. Hill and family, Dr. Playfair, Mr. Westmacott, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. J. Cornwell, Miss Sheppard, Mrs. McGregor, Mr. and Mrs. Sheppard, Rev. Father Sylvester, Mr. Stoeckle, G. P. Willer, J. A. Wilder, C. R. Simpkins and a number on deck.

VESSELS IN PORT.

NAVAL VESSELS.

U. S. S. Boston, Day.

U. S. S. Adams, Nelson, San Fran.

MERCHANTMEN.

Br schr Norma, Macquarrie, Yokohama.

Am schr Weatherax, San Fran (at Kah).

Ger bk G. N. Wilcox, Walters, Liverpool.

Am schr Aloha, Isabel, San Francisco.

Br bk Ladstock, Williams, Liverpool.

Haw bk Rithet, Morrison, San Fran.

Am bk Irmgard, Schmidt, San Fran.

Am bkine S. N. Castle, San Fran.

Br bk Bartholomew, Heale, Newcastle.

Br bk Elizabeth Graham, Anderson, Newcastle.

Am bk Annie Johnson, S. F. at Hilo.

FOREIGN VESSELS EXPECTED.

Am schr Olga, Puget Sound (Kah), Due Aug 8.

Am schr Alice Cooke, Puget Sound, Due Aug 10.

Am bgine W. G. Irwin, San Fran, Due Aug 10.

Am bk Alex. McNeil, Departure Bay, Due Aug 10.

Am bgt Concord, S. F. (Kah), Due Aug 10.

Am bk S. C. Allen, San Fran, Due Aug 10.

Am bk Albert, San Francisco, Due Aug 10.

Am schr Anna, S. F. (Kah), Due Aug 10.

Am schr Halcyon, Eureka, Due Aug 13.

Am bk Detroit, Departure Bay, Due Aug 13.

Am schr J. G. North, S. F. (Mahukona), Due Aug 13.

Am bk Amelia, Puget Sound, Due Aug 30.

Ger bk J. C. Flieger, Bremen, Due Oct 15.

Ger bk Paul Isenberg, Liverpool, Due Nov 15.

Am bk Martha Davis, Boston, Due Dec 5.

FOREIGN MAIL SERVICE.

Steamships will leave for and arrive from San Francisco on the following dates, till the close of 1893:

The next steamer from the Orient en route to San Francisco, will be the City of New York. She will be due here on the 31st inst.

FROM HONOLULU TO SAN FRANCISCO.

Gaelic, Aug 8.

City Peking, Aug 13.

Australia, Aug 16.

Alameda, Aug 24.

Warimoo (Van) Aug 31.

Australia, Sept 1.

Mariposa, Sept 21.

Oceanic, Sept 25.

Miowera (Van) Oct 2.

Australia, Oct 11.

Monawai, Oct 19.

Warimoo (Van) Nov 1.

Australia, Nov 6.

China, Nov 6.

Alameda, Dec 4.

Warimoo (Van) Jan 1.

City Peking, Jan 2.

Australia, Jan 2.

Warimoo (Van) Jan 2.